

## **Partnerships Maximize Opportunities**

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The City of Rocklin looks for every opportunity to maximize our resources and provide the best services for our residents. Whether creating a volunteer program for planting trees and cleaning up local parks or, working with the Redevelopment Agency to secure funding for sidewalks in the downtown area of the City, we are aggressively seeking ways to develop partnerships which will ultimately enhance the quality of life in our community. One example of this type of partnership that deserves some attention is the collaboration between the City and the Rocklin School District to develop the Clarke-Dominguez Gym.

Specifically, the City has entered into a 20 year agreement with the Rocklin School District for use of the Clarke-Dominguez Gym located at Rocklin Elementary School. Through this agreement Rocklin residents will have access to a state-of-the-art facility for a variety of uses including youth basketball and volleyball as well as adult programs. The facility will also be utilized by the students at Rocklin Elementary School during the week until 4 p.m. This creative approach means that the gym is used in the most efficient manner with the most people benefiting from the services available at the facility – students during the weekday and residents during weeknights and weekends.

Not only does this mean that the facility is used efficiently but it also means that both organizations, the School District and the City, are able to realize tremendous cost savings by working together. The City contributed one million dollars through the Redevelopment Agency toward the construction of the gym. Additionally, this collaborative approach was a crucial component in allowing the School District to secure state grant funds. Had it been necessary for the School District to bear the complete costs associated with construction – the gym might never have happened. What looks impossible for one organization to accomplish alone can suddenly become imminently possible when two groups pool their resources and work toward a common purpose.

Ultimately, it is the positive relationship between the School District and the City which makes all this possible. Cost savings and efficiencies on paper may look great. But, the question is does it really work when it comes to the day-to-day operations? The answer is, “Yes!” The reason it works is because of the cooperative spirit that exists between both groups. Managing maintenance, scheduling and a host of details can be challenging but not when you work together – when that happens everyone benefits!

By forming partnerships that are both creative and efficient we are maximizing community dollars, enhancing services to our residents and building for the future. Working together, Rocklin is sure to remain the family friendly community that we now enjoy!

*If you have questions regarding the resident programs available at the Clarke-Dominguez Gym please contact us at 916.625.5000. General information can be accessed at [www.rocklin.ca.us](http://www.rocklin.ca.us)*

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